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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mitsuhiko Yoshimura et al.

Application No.: 09/818,039

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
QUERYING DATABASE, AS WELL AS
A RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
STORING A DATABASE QUERYING
PROGRAM

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.